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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final decision dated August 26, 2003 of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting claims 53-84. The items below are appropriate:

A Petition for Extension of Time was filed on February 26, 2004.

The fee of \$330.00 for this Notice is also submitted.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.37902X00).

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